

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, please amend the last paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 as follows:

In one example, this sending is ~~effected~~affected by means of a circular memory 19 which has four locations for loading four send blocks, for example. Thus send blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4 are loaded. The four send blocks are then sent in turn to the exchange 6 via the channel 7. The memory 19 can be loaded as and when the blocks are sent. The exchange 6 may then, for example, depending on transmission conditions that apply, determine that it has received blocks 1 and 2, that it has not received block 3 and that it has received block 4. In this case, the exchange 6 sends an acknowledgment to the exchange 1 indicating the block number 2 ($n=2$). This means that the blocks have been received continuously up to block 2.

On page 10, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

The signaling data to be transmitted in accordance with the invention comprises flow control data, security data and, essentially, message scheduling data. According to the invention, the information part 5 can be sent between the exchanges 1 and ~~26~~26 via other channels, in a manner that is known or unknown. The units 2 and 3 can also be connected to the units 13 and 14 by UDP-IP or QSig-GF channels. The channels, although of the same type as the channels used to transmit signaling, are nevertheless different. Thus signaling and messages are not sent at the same time on the same channel.